

Dear Judge Seymour,

I'm writing to you because I would like to petition the court for a downward variance under "Booker". I know I was sentenced after Booker, but I believe that a sentence adjustment may be warranted, at least I hope. After being designated as a "Career Offender" my guideline range was 262 mths

- 327 mths for which I received 262 mths. For A 924 C offense (possession of a firearm while drug trafficking) I believe that the "Career Offender" tag over represents my criminal history for the reasons stated

1) My first conviction was for poss. of marijuana w/intent to distribute which amounted to a few "Dime" bags of weed, said offense occurred at the age of 17 for which I received a 1 yr sentence reduced to probation.

2) My 2nd prior felony is for distribution of crack which amounted to a 40<sup>th</sup> dollar "Rock" for which I received 4 yrs in the department of corrections.

My instant offense included under a ounce of weed and a ounce of cocaine and a firearm. All of my prior offenses occurred between the ages of 17-19 yrs old. At most I believe one could say I was a misguided youth by my upbringing. At sentencing my lawyer did not argue that I was a low-level drug offender and that my criminal history wasn't that of a hardened "Career Criminal", or that I had only been to prison one time my entire life. I believe that the 3553 factors could have been satisfied with an ~~substantially~~ lower sentence than 262 mths for being deemed as a career offender.

Since my incarceration I've completed many educational and rehabilitating programs including drug classes ~~and~~ vocational classes for welding and industrial cleaning. I've ~~been~~ taken a mail correspondence course for "social psychology" also.

As for my institutional record I have only (1) infraction where me and another inmate got into a minor altercation, and that's from 2009 to May 2021. I would say I've done well in showing that my behavior as well as my decision making has changed and matured. I would also like to ask that, if petitioning for a sentence adjustment under a "Booker" <sup>downward</sup> variance isn't the right avenue for me to take, that my petition be applied or received in any way that is <sup>the</sup> proper legal way. I'm not adept in legal matters. Thank you

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